



## sew masterclass

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# PIPPA DRESS

If you're used to sewing darts, dip into the world of princess line bodices with our showstopping Pippa dress... where instead of relying on darts to create the fit, you join longer panels of shaped pattern pieces together to create a comfortable yet tailored style. This pretty number also features ruffles on the front bodice and cuffs, adding a classic touch to the simple silhouette.

### Get started

- 1.8m polyester fabric (150cm wide)
- 20cm lightweight fusible interfacing
- 22cm concealed zip

### Sizes

Size	Bust (cm)	Waist (cm)	Length* (cm)
Small (8-10)	94	84	93
Medium (12-14)	104	94	94.5
Large (16-18)	114	104	96

\*from back neck, 3cm hem

### Cutting guide

**Note:** see layout diagram and fold fabric in half, right sides together and selvages aligned

**Upper centre front and lower front:** cut one of each from fabric with the template lined up to the fold

**Upper side front, upper back, lower back, sleeve, front ruffle, cuff ruffle:** cut one of each on folded fabric (two pieces altogether)

**Front neck facing:** cut one each from fabric and fusible interfacing

**Back neck facing:** cut one from folded fabric (two pieces altogether) and two from fusible interfacing  
1cm seam allowance used unless otherwise specified.

# sew an OCCASION DRESS

*For best results, finish the raw edges of step 1 before gathering.*



## Fiona Hesford's top tips for CUTTING AND FINISHING:

- Go online to [sewmag.co.uk/templates](http://sewmag.co.uk/templates) to download and print the templates.
- Cut out the pieces as indicated in the cutting guide. See the layout diagram for the most economical way of cutting out the pattern.
- Lay your fabric on a sheet or blanket to stop it moving when cutting out.
- Mark all notches as indicated on the template.
- Use a size 70 or 80 machine needle.
- Finish the raw edges with an overlocker or, if you don't own one, use a zigzag stitch.

## Sewing the ruffles and front



**1** Fold the front ruffle pieces in half widthways, right sides together. Tack close to the raw edge, then pull one thread to gather it evenly.



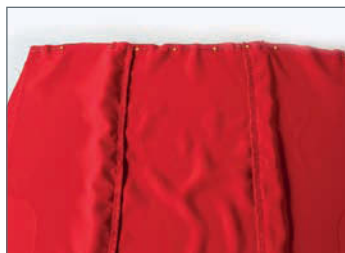
**2** Pin to the upper front piece at the side edges with right sides together, easing up the gathers to fit. Tack, then repeat for the other ruffle.



**3** Pin each side front piece to one side of the centre front at the ruffle, so they are right sides together. Tack, then stitch with a 1cm seam allowance.



**4** Finish the raw edges then press the seam allowance towards the centre. Gently press the ruffle outwards.



**5** Pin the upper front piece to the lower front piece, right sides together at the waistline edge. Sew with a 1cm seam allowance.



**6** Finish the raw edge, then press the seam allowance downwards. Topstitch on the right side, 3mm from the seam line.

## Stitching the back



**7** Sew the upper and lower back pieces together, right sides together at the waist edge. Finish the raw edges, then press the seam downwards.



**8** Finish the raw edges at the centre back, then insert a concealed zip into the back seam. Sew the lower back seam below the zip.



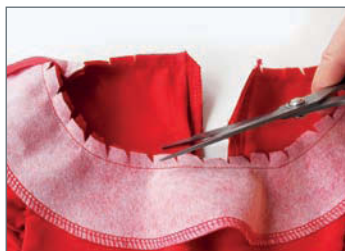
**9** Sew the back to the front at the shoulder seams. Finish the raw edges. Press the seam towards the back.

## Adding the neck facings

Prepare by ironing interfacing to the reverse of the neck facing pieces. Sew the front and back neck facings at the short sides with right sides together. Finish the outer raw edges all around.



**10** Pin the neck facing piece to the neck raw edge, matching side seams. Tack, then sew all around and down at each far short side, close to the zip.



**11** Trim across the corners and nick the curved seam allowance. Remove tacking. Turn to the right side and press the aligning seam to the folded edge. Push out the corners at top of zip.



**12** Hand stitch the facing to the side seams to secure in position. Sew the dress back to front at the side seams, right sides together. Finish the raw edges.

*For the best results, tack the seams by hand before stitching*





## Making the sleeves

Make the main sleeve by pinning the side edges with right sides together. Sew a 1cm seam, then finish the raw edges.



**13** Sew the cuff ruffle piece together at the short sides with right sides together to make a 'ring'. Fold over and press the piece, aligning the raw edges with wrong sides together. Pin, then tack all around, 6mm from the raw edge.



**14** Pull the thread to gather the ruffle evenly. Pin to the sleeve at the cuff edge, right sides together. Tack then sew a 1cm seam. Finish the raw edges. Press then topstitch on the right side, 3mm from seam line.



**15** Repeat the above for the other cuff, then pin the sleeve head to the armhole. Tack, then sew a 1cm seam all around. Finish the raw edge, then press. Hem the lower edge of the dress to finish.



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### PAINT THE TOWN RED

Plain soft polyester crepe fabric, £7.99 per metre, [minervacrafts.com](http://minervacrafts.com)

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## Sewing with crepe

If you've never worked with crepe before, don't let the stunning results make you nervous. The material comes in various weights and opacity, and can be either smooth or rough to the touch. Crepe is well-suited to making garments with drape and is a surprisingly easy fabric to stitch.

- Consider using fine sewing pins if you're worried about snagging, which depends on how lightweight your fabric is.
- Try your garment on for size as you work, before you machine stitch.

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# PIPPA DRESS TEMPLATES

Use these guides to get started today

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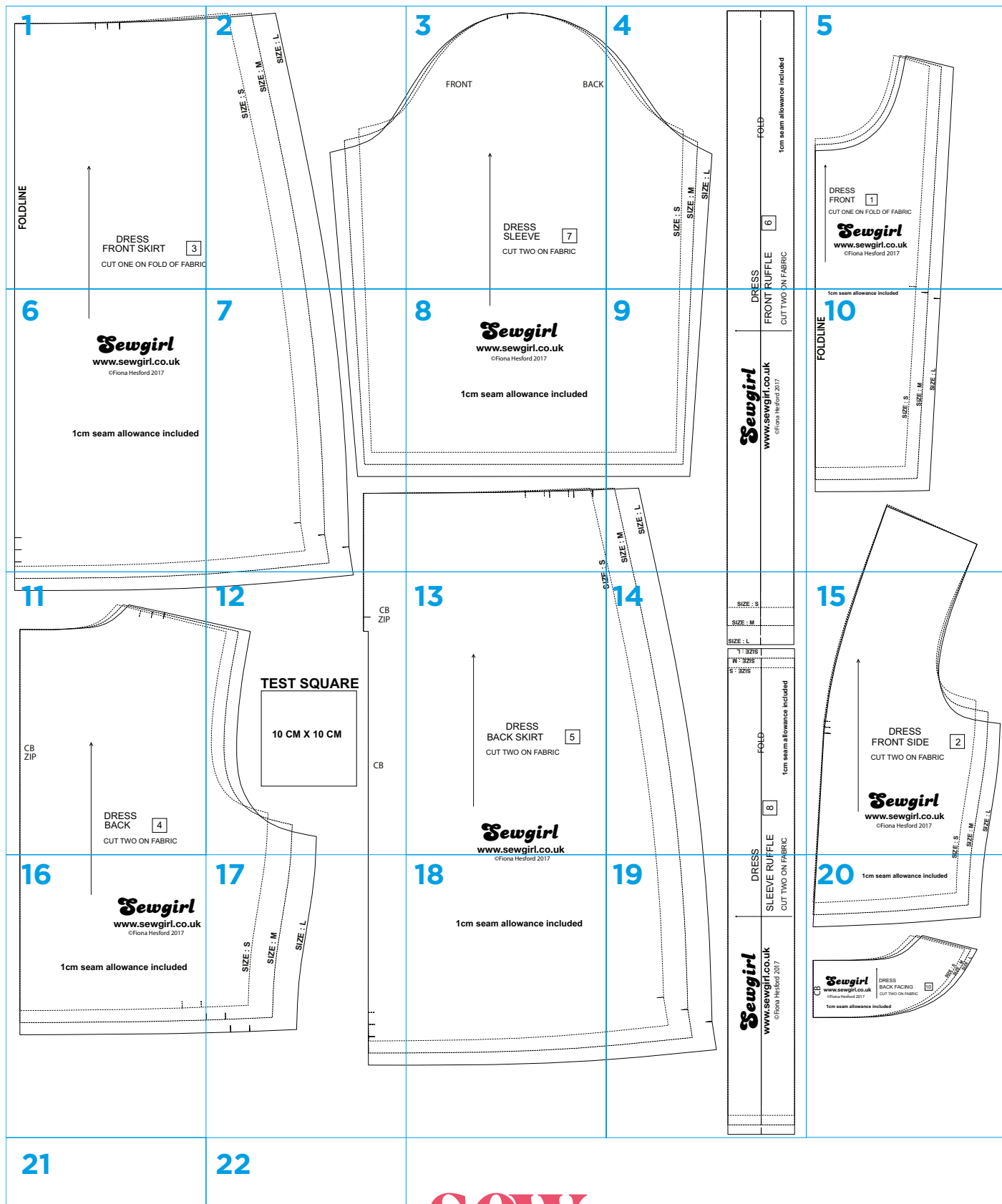
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**Designer:** Fiona Hesford  
**Magazine page:** 39  
**Total 24 pages to print**

UK SIZE GUIDE	8-10 (small)	12-14 (medium)	16-18 (large)
Bust (cm)	82-86	91-96	100-106
Waist (cm)	65-69	74-79	84-89
Hips (cm)	90-94	99-104	109-114



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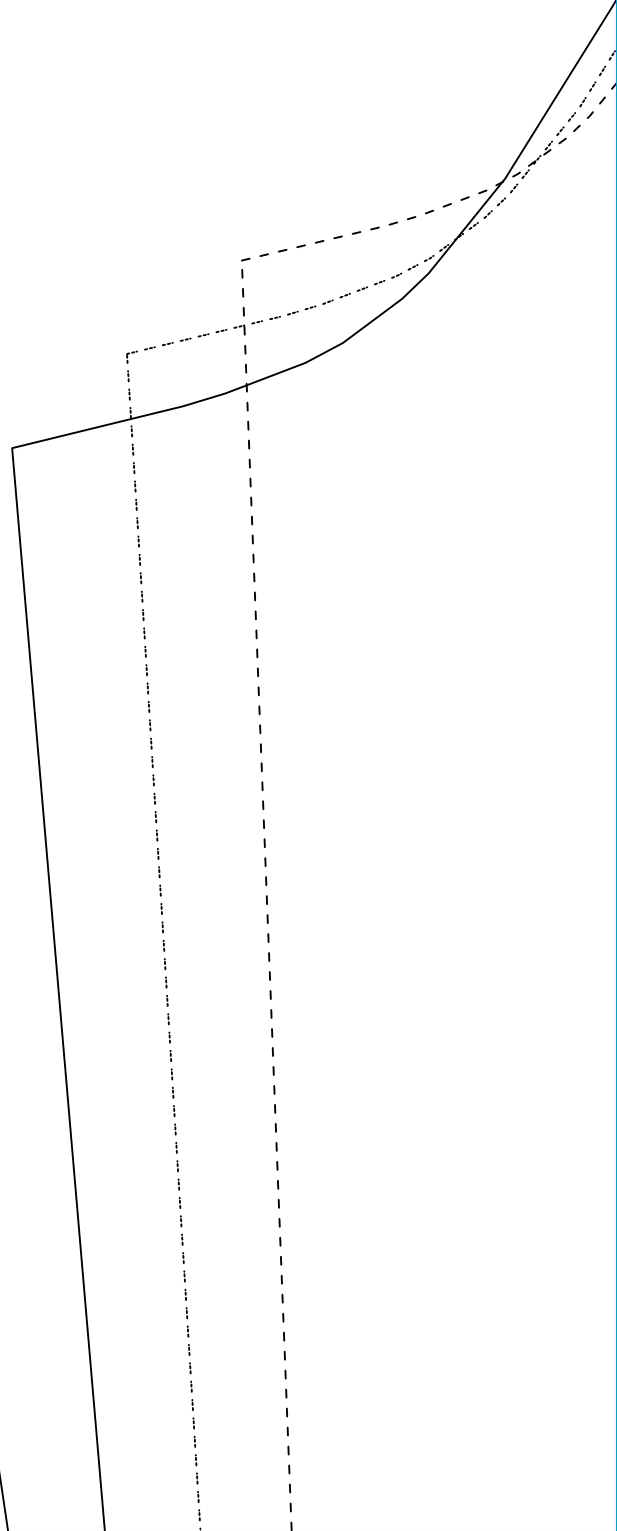
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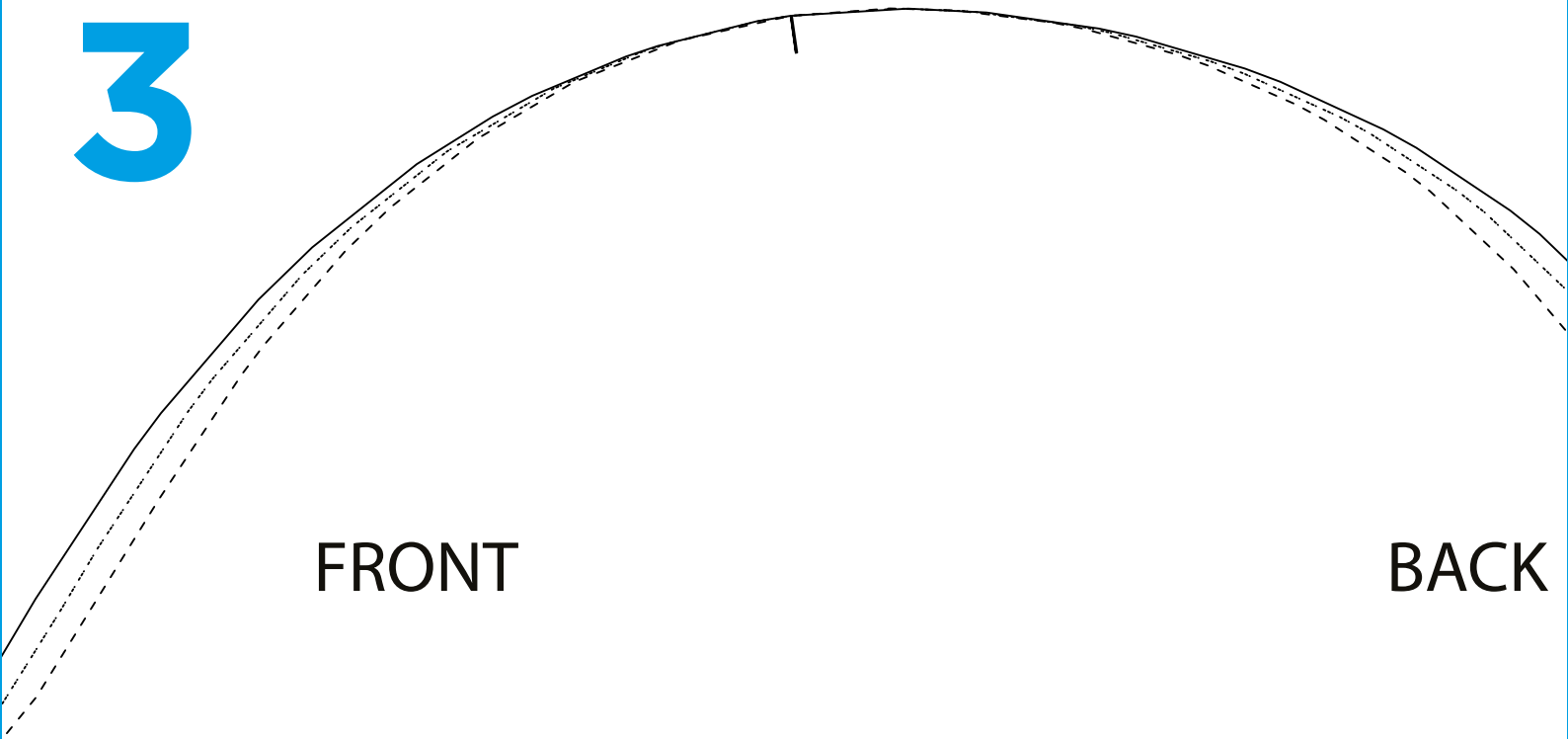
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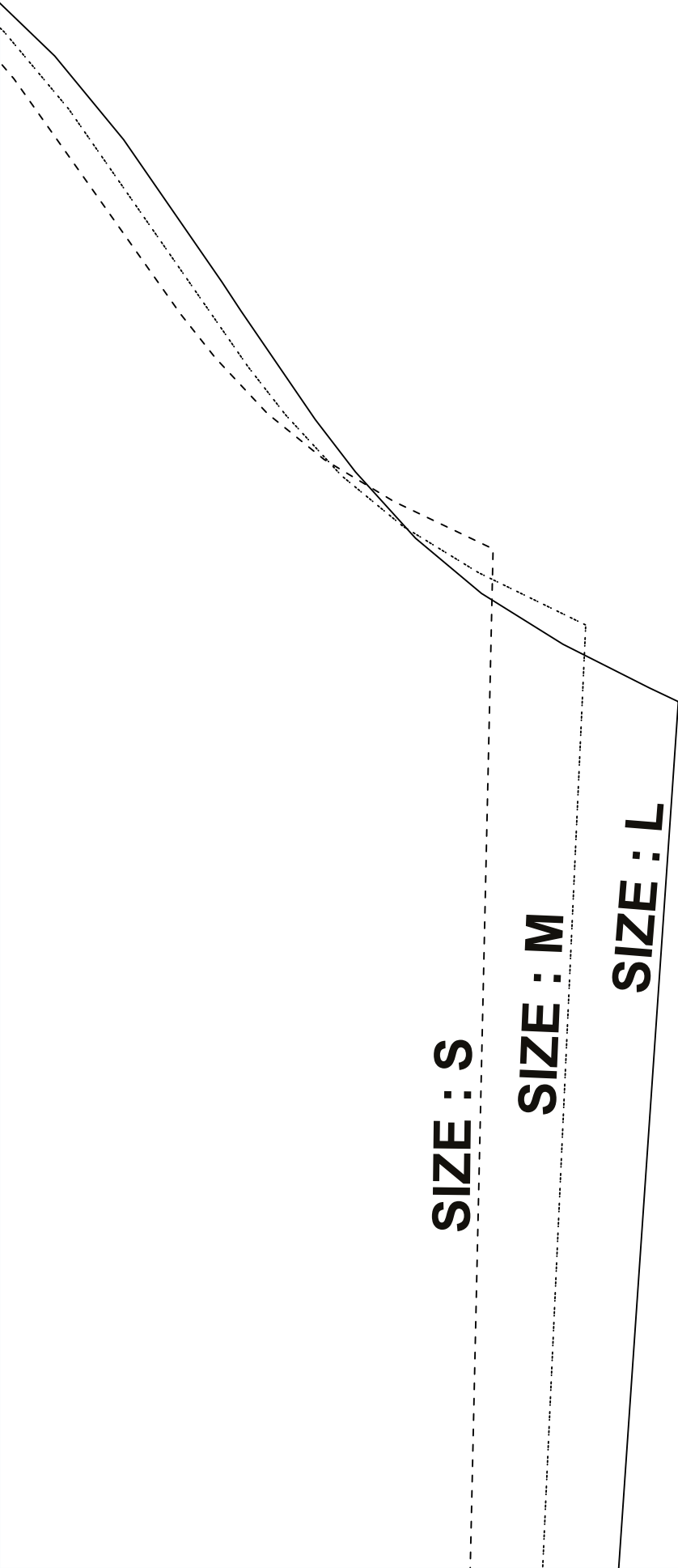


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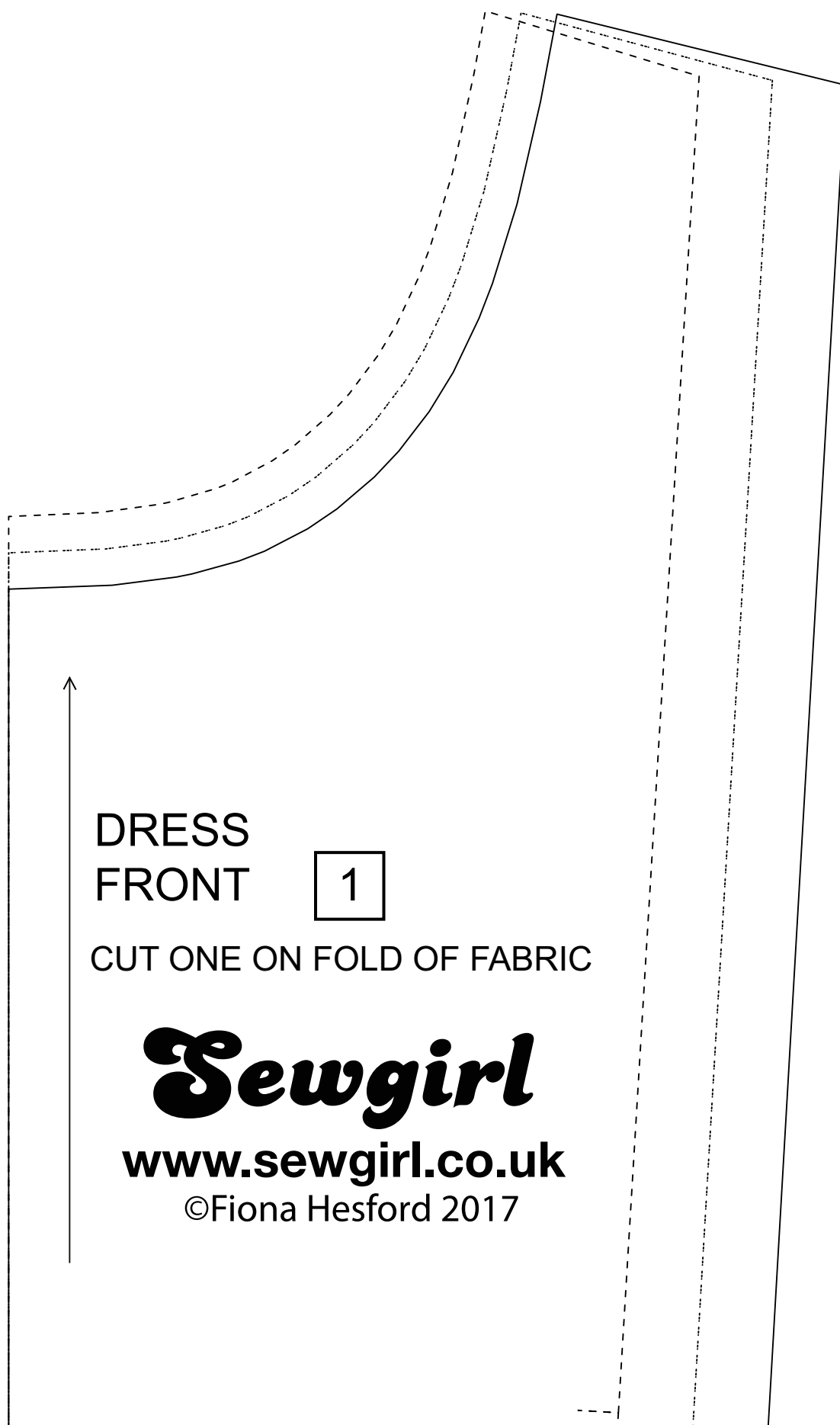
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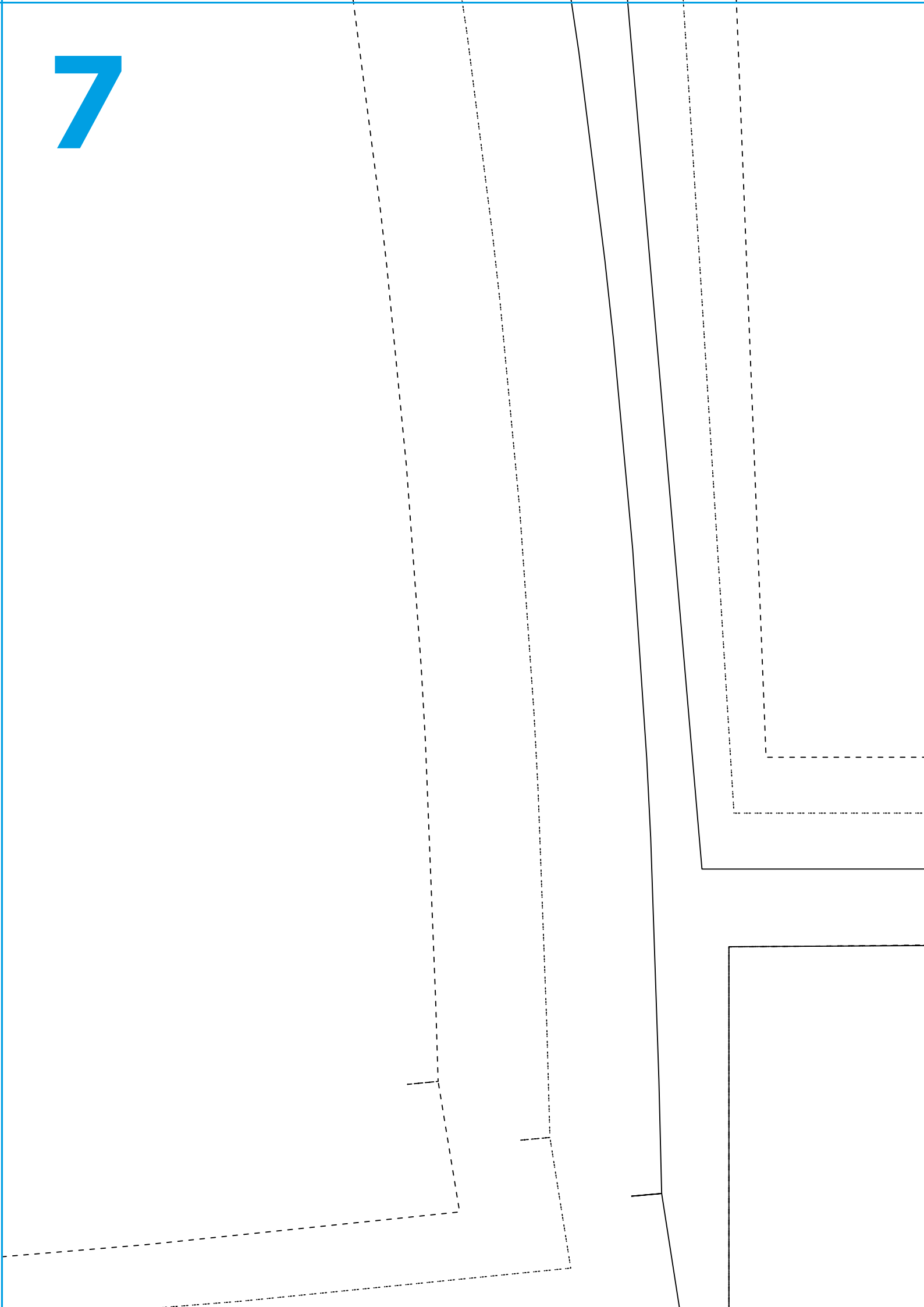
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**1cm seam allowance included**

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FOLDLINE

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BACK

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CUT TWO ON FABRIC

12

CB  
ZIP

**TEST SQUARE**

**10 CM X 10 CM**

CB



DRESS  
BACK SKIRT

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CUT TWO ON FABRIC



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FRONT SIDE

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CUT TWO ON FABRIC

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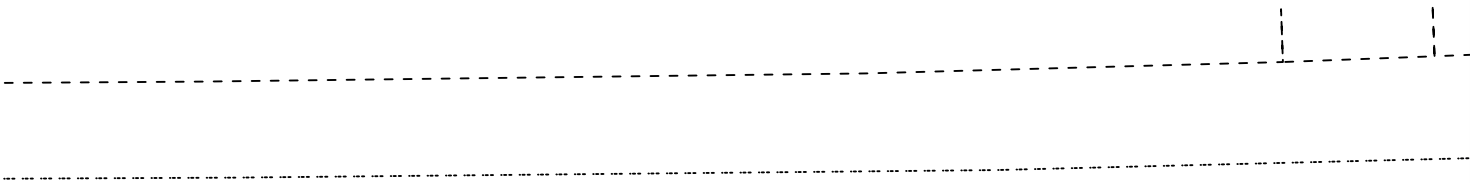
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**1cm seam allowance included**



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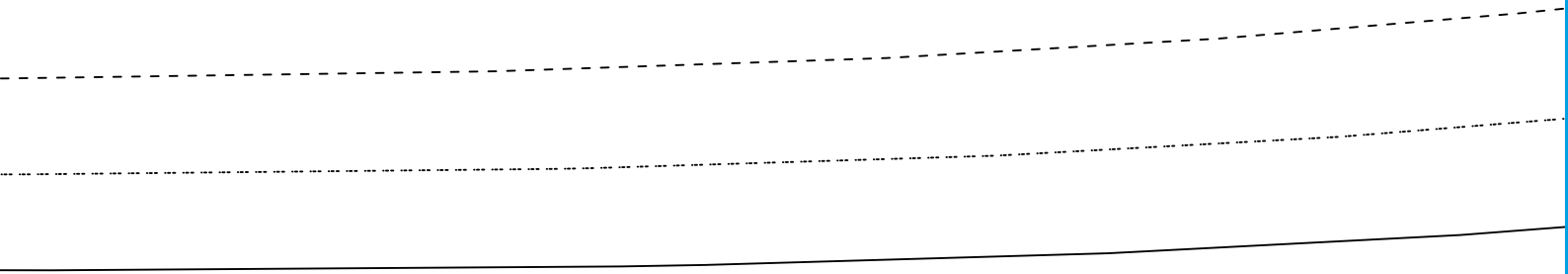
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**1cm seam allowance included**





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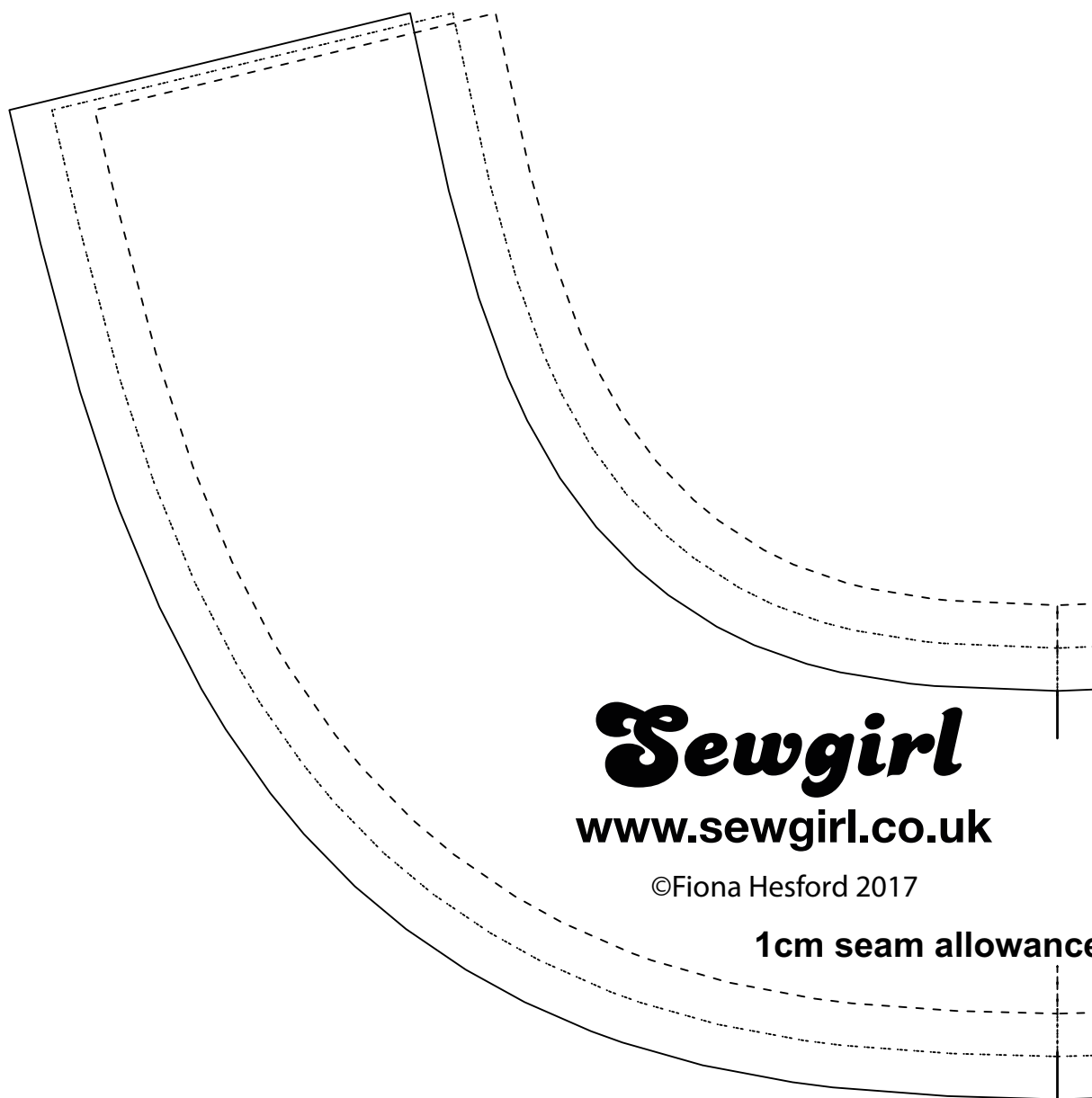
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BACK FACING  
CUT TWO ON FABRIC

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**1cm seam allowance**

